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REPLY TO NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY OF AUGUST 1, 2007 AND SUPPLEMENTAL
NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY OF APRIL 16, 2008

In reply to the Notice of Allowability of August 1, 2007 and the Supplemental Notice of Allowability of April 16, 2008, Applicants submit the following remarks. Below, Applicants address two issues believed to exist in this application.

First, in the Notice of Allowability of August 1, 2007 and the Supplemental Notice of Allowability of April 16, 2008, a check mark appears in box 4 indicating that a new oath or declaration must be submitted. Applicants submit that a requirement of a new oath or declaration in this application is improper and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this requirement.

Specifically, the text corresponding to box 4 indicates that an "attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) ... gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient." However, neither an Examiner's Amendment nor a Notice of Informal Patent Application was included with either the Notice of Allowability of August 1, 2007 or the Supplemental Notice of Allowability of April 16, 2008. In fact, no reasons have been given as to why the previously-filed oath or declaration is considered deficient. Therefore, Applicants submit that the requirement that a new oath or declaration be submitted is improper and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement.

Second, a claim-numbering issue has been raised by Examiner Al Hashemi. Specifically, Examiner Al Hashemi indicated that a claim numbered claim 88 was not included in the listing of claims filed on May 30, 2007 (i.e., the listing of claims filed on May 30, 2007 included a

claim 87 and a claim 89 without including a claim 88). Applicants submit that this issue was corrected in the renumbering of the claims that occurred in the initial Notice of Allowance mailed on July 3, 2007, which Applicants responded to by timely paying the issue fee on October 2, 2007. Specifically, the Notice of Allowance mailed July 3, 2007 indicates that claims 56-99, which identify a total of 44 claims, have been renumbered as claims 1-43, which identify a total of 43 claims. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the perceived total number of claims decreasing by one in the renumbered claim set indicates that the failure to include claim 88 has been taken into account in renumbering the claims.

Moreover, the Notice of Allowance mailed July 3, 2007 at page 2 indicates that claim 89 has been renumbered as claim 33. Had a claim 88 been included when renumbering the listing of claims, claim 89 would have properly been renumbered as claim 34. Because claim 89 was renumbered as claim 33, Applicants submit that the failure to include claim 88 has been taken into account in renumbering the claims.

Based on the issue fee payment of October 2, 2007 and at least the reasons discussed above, Applicants submit that no further response from Applicants is required and that the present application is in condition for issuance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request issuance of this application in a timely manner.

Applicants thank Examiner Al Hashemi for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during a telephone interview on June 24, 2008. During the interview, Examiner Al Hashemi and Applicants' representative discussed the box checked on the Notice of Allowability of August 1, 2007 and the Supplemental Notice of Allowability of April 16, 2008 indicating that a new oath or declaration must be submitted. Examiner Al Hashemi agreed that the indication that a new oath or declaration must be submitted appears to have been an error. Examiner Al Hashemi and Applicants' representative also discussed the claim-numbering issue addressed above. This reply reflects the substance of the interview.

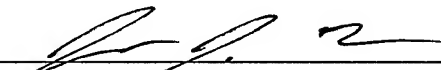
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